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1. The production of field glasses continues as before at the Carl Zeiss works, Jena. Production in December 1953 was approximately 1,100 glasses. About 400 sighting telescopes were manufactured for Soviet 76.2 mm infantry guns.
2. The number of infrared filters and disks for infrared iconoscopes produced is not exactly known, but the production runs about 600 per month. They are all delivered to the Soviet Union. There have been no more deliveries recently to the Calorifer-Werk in Dessau.
3. The manufacture of camera lenses, particularly wide-angle and telescopic lenses, is being pushed vigorously. Telescopic lenses are now being manufactured with a focal length of more than 100 cm. All the lenses produced are annealed.
4. Production of medical equipment will be undertaken in full scale again in the first quarter of 1954. Large export orders are reported to have been received. The packing of this equipment however indicates that it is to be delivered either to the Red Army or the Volkspolizei. Six operating room lamps were manufactured for the Soviet Union in December 1953. These lamps are so constructed that they give out no heat.
5. Two thousand polariscopes have been packed for shipment to the Soviet Union, presumably for use in laboratories.

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